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IN RE APPLICATION OF: JOHN M. PEDERSEN *ET AL.*

APPLICATION NO.: 09/823,948

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FOR: **DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS
FOR MAKING DRY CONTACT
ASSEMBLIES, AND PLATING MACHINES
WITH DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR
PLATING MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES**

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Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2003, please amend the application as reflected in the following listing of claims.

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Original) A contact assembly for plating a layer on a microelectronic workpiece, comprising:

C1 a support member having an opening configured to receive a microelectronic workpiece;

a contact system carried by the support member, the contact system having a plurality of electrically conductive contact members projecting inwardly into the opening;

a shield carried by the support member to prevent electroplating solution from engaging the contact members, the shield projecting from the support member to